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- Nafore the Hong Kong Covernment prohibited the sale of gasoline to the Chinese Communists (18 July 1950), many gas line dealers received advance notice and sent large stocks of gasoline to Macao for storage. TANG Pu-1 (注音 境), gasoline dealer at 29 Hing Lung Lane, Hong Kong, sent 7,000 drums of gasoline to Macao before the order became effective.
- purchasing agent in Hong Fong. at US \$36 per drum. The Communists are planning to ship these drass to Canton via Shihchi (113-22, 22-30). WU is trying to get funds to purchase the remaining 4,000 drums.
- The Communists are collecting gasoline daily in Hong Kong and the New Territories by sending cars to fill up with gasoline in various stations. The cars go to a rendezvous point where the gasoline is simboned from the tanks into druss. The cars then return and purchase gasoline at other stations. The number of cars operating is unknown but the gasoline stock: is accumulating rapidly.
- The legal price of gasoline in Hong Kong is Hong Kong (HK) \$92.70 per dram, but the black market price is HK \$160. The legal price of kerosene is HK \$72 per drum, and the black market price is HK \$140.
- 5. The Communists are using two Hong Kong organizations to smuggle gasoline: The Lien Tai (指 私) Company, Ta Ar (大 東); and the Tai Heing (本年) Company, Un-Long, New Territories.
- YUNG Rua (京義), also known as LIANG Ro (京島), the proprietor of Lien Tai, is 40 and has lived in Ta Ao for 20 years. He is well known as a smuggler in that area. YUNG is employed by the South China Trading Bureau to sauggle gasoline for a transport fee of \$30 per drum, which he receives from the Chinese Communists in Hong Kong. YUNG must pay for gasoline lost during smuggling. His connections with the Hong Kong police are good, and the business is prosperous and easy.
- Since 1 August Tail Raing has smuggled an average of 100 drums of gasoline 7. daily. The route is from Yuan Lang to Pinghai (114-53, 22-37), then to

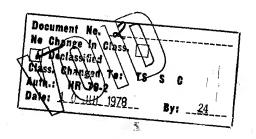
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